

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Paragraph numbers references in brackets relate to the paragraphs as numbered in the publication of the present application, US Patent Application Publication No. 2008/0179801.

Please insert the following new headings, title, and priority claim above the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification, paragraph [0001]:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

RELEASE EXPLOSION DAMPER

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 371 to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2005/005193, filed March 12, 2005, International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/013979, filed December 8, 2004, and German Patent Application No. 10 2004 024 862.1, filed May 19, 2004, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED  
RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not applicable.

NAMES OF PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT

Not applicable.

INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL  
SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC

Not applicable.

## BACKGROUND

### Technical Field

Please insert the following subheading above the second paragraph on page 1 of the specification, paragraph [0002]:

### Background Art

Please insert the following heading above the second full paragraph on page 2 of the specification, paragraph [0005]:

## SUMMARY

Please insert the following heading above the last paragraph on page 6 of the specification, paragraph [0028]:

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading above the second to last full paragraph on page 7 of the specification, paragraph [0034]:

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please insert the Abstract and heading, amended as shown below and in clean copy on a separate page attached hereto as the Appendix:

## ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a A clamping and/or bracing spreading tool comprising a ~~connecting or~~ tie push or pull rod (7) to which a mobile jaw (13) is fixed, a fixed jaw (5), a ~~transmission gear~~ mechanism which can be used to move the mobile jaw (13) towards or away from the fixed jaw (5) by moving the ~~connecting or tie~~ push or pull rod (7) in a clamping or ~~bracing~~ spreading

direction ~~(5)~~, and to apply clamping and/or ~~bracing~~ spreading forces between the jaws ~~(5,13)~~, and a ~~blocking element which is~~ lock used to block a movement of the ~~connecting or tie~~ push or pull rod ~~(7)~~ in an opening direction ~~(Θ)~~ opposing the clamping or ~~bracing~~ spreading direction ~~(5)~~, in order to maintain clamping and/or ~~bracing~~ spreading forces produced between the jaws ~~(5,13)~~. ~~According to the invention, a~~ A mechanism for dissipating the stored clamping and/or ~~bracing~~ spreading forces enables an absorption movement of the ~~connecting or tie~~ push or pull rod ~~(7)~~ in the opening direction ~~(Θ)~~ along a pre-determined absorption course, and especially detachably blocks an absorption movement of the ~~connecting or tie~~ push or pull rod ~~(7)~~ over the pre-determined absorption course, in the opening direction ~~(Θ)~~.